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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PCT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-captioned national stage application of PCT/EP98/08216 filed on even date herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 7.

Please amend claims 4, 6 and 8-12 as follows:

- 4. (Amended) Recombinant construct which contains a DNA sequence according to [one of] Claim[s] 1 [to 3].
  - 6. (Amended) Vector which contains a recombinant construct according to Claim 4 [or 5].
- 8. (Amended) Recombinant host cells which harbour recombinant constructs or vectors according to [one of] Claim[s] 4 [to 6].